



**AGENDA *Revised***  
**Game, Fish and Parks Commission**  
November 3-4, 2016  
Holiday Inn Express  
1103 N Splitrock Blvd., Brandon, SD

**Good Earth Tour**

**Call to order 1:00 PM**

**Division of Administration**

Action Items:

1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
2. Approve Minutes of the October 2016 Meeting  
<http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/commission/docs/2016/october-meeting-minutes.pdf>
3. Additional Commissioner Salary Days
4. License List Request
5. 2017 Commission Meeting Schedule

Information Items:

6. Tribal MOU's

**2:00 PM Public Hearing**

**Proposals**

7. Park Entrance License Exemption

**Finalizations**

8. Spring Turkey Hunting Season
9. Removal of Shed Antlers on Department Lands
10. Fish Possession Restrictions While Fishing
11. Aquatic Invasive Species

**Open Forum**

**Division of Parks and Recreation**

Action Items:

12. Bureau of Reclamation Angostura/Shadehill Permit Rate Increase

Information Items:

13. Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports

This agenda is subject to change without prior notice.

Minutes of the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission  
October 6-7, 2016

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT at the Wrangler Inn in Mobridge, South Dakota. Commissioners Barry Jensen, Mary Anne Boyd, H. Paul Dennert, Gary Jensen, W. Scott Phillips, and Jim Spies were present. Secretary Kelly Hepler was present along with approximately 40 public, staff, and media.

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Chairperson Peterson called for conflicts of interest to be disclosed. None were presented.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Peterson called for any additions or corrections to the August 4-5, 2016, minutes or a motion for approval.

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4-5, 2016, MEETING WITH MINOR REVISIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Additional Commissioner Salary Days**

Spies requested 3 additional salary days (2 Watertown Bldg. Committee, 1 Deer Stakeholder Mtg.), Dennert requested 1 additional salary day (Blue Dog Fish Hatchery Committee), Boyd requested 1 day (Butterfly House Bldg. Committee), and Phillips requested 1 day (Deer Stakeholder Mtg.).

Motion by G. Jensen with second by Boyd TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL SALARY DAYS AS REQUESTED. Motion carried unanimously.

### **License List Requests**

Chris Petersen, Administration Division Director stated that no new license list requested have been received and that the new process to issue repeat request for the same lists from the same entities has been working eliminating the need to bring these requests before the commission for action.

### **Strategic Planning**

Sue Konstant, PACE Strategic Development provide a powerpoint on the GFP strategic plan indicating the progress and updates. She outline of pledge of GFP to fulfill its mission reiterating the foundation and purpose of the plan and expectation of customers. Secretary Hepler spoke to staff rollout and stakeholders. He indicated 86 percent of staff attends these meetings in which discussion was held on how their feedback in the focus group session will lead to strategy development and helping them to truly find a place within the plan. The plan will be distributed in the spring as strategies are finalized. Hepler provide an overview of the stakeholder meetings indicating over 300 were invited to attend from across the state with 100 participating. Common strategies were resulted from these meetings specifically: youth activities,

Vandel responded they are asking the Commission to rescind the permits the legislature issued.

Neill stated the Commission issued the permits at direction of legislature through HB1075 (2016) which is presumptively valid and constitutional and bound to honor legislative direction until such time if any circumstances change. This developed a new standard requiring a change in circumstances for an action to be taken. Statute 41-6-18.4 places restriction on ability to action as a commission not on the authority of the legislature to act. The legislature chose to amend rule and the Commission does not have the authority in Dick's opinion to overrule an act of the legislature. The Commission does not have authority unless in a court of law or by the legislature itself or let things play out and then, if determine a change is required meeting the criteria in statute 41-6-18.4 then it can be changed.

Commissioner G. Jensen noted the issue is complicated because the legislature changed an administrative rule instead of passing a statute making it difficult to interpret. The Commission always tries to make decisions based on valid criteria and facts and would request these specifics when future petitions are submitted.

Vandel is working on this and agree the number of resident waterfowl hunters has declined for a lot of reasons. Surveys show loss of opportunity is one of those reasons. Concern is if you increase the number of nonresidents and not increase opportunities then can work with staff to create opportunity. Optimistically you will see a grown in the number of resident water fowlers which is an important component. Increasing the number of nonresidents does not do anything positive for residents and will decreases the number of residents. Need to tie the number of resident and nonresident hunters. We think this is important and will keep looking at our options do not want to look at a legal option and want to work with the Commission. Looking for future hunters will be going to the legislature and Commission again. SD waterfowl association was formed in 2012 and consists of approximately 500 members.

Koupal explained this is not just about us but future generations of waterfowl hunters. Will present reasonable proposal to the legislature and Commission in the future.

Commissioner Dennert: Looked at quite a few land purchase in the northeast and two specifically had a lot of water on them and is curious how much land has been purchase for GPA's and how much since 2002. The legislature did not increase any hunting permits and neither did the Commission other than offering 100 youth licenses, just spread the licenses around to more areas to hunt. Would like to move around some of the licenses from Spink County, but not at this time.

Dick Werner, Mobridge, SD, worked hard to get HB1185 passed and amended to include a provision for the 5 percent leeway. Commended the Commission on the increase for youth permits to promote the sport. Also sponsored HB1075 and did so as an administrative rule instead of statute leaving it in the hands of the Commission.

Secretary Hepler explained the Department will honor contracts with value added. Parks Director Ceroll or Custer State Park staff will be in touch to schedule a meeting to discuss these questions.

## **PETITION FOR RULE CHANGE**

### **Amend Rules Pertaining to Nonresident Waterfowl License Allocations**

George Vandel, Vice President South Dakota Waterfowl Association and Chris Hesla, Executive Director South Dakota Wildlife Federation submitted a petition to amend rules 41:06:16:11 specifically requesting the Commission take emergency rule action to invalidate three day nonresident waterfowl license in unit NRW-00X (Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson and Walworth counties) on both private and public land and the rescind the 500 temporary three day licenses in NRW-00Y.

Chairman Peterson outlined the options for Commission action on petitions then requested input from the Commission. It was noted that this petition would require the Commission to rescind a legislative action HB1075 (2016) which issued waterfowl licenses.

Per the request of the Chairman Director Leif presented a resolution outlining reasons for denial of the petition for the Commissions consideration

Motioned by Dennert with second by G. Jensen TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-14 AS PRESENTED (Appendix D). Motion carried unanimously

## **PROPOSALS**

### **Spring Turkey Hunting Season**

Chad Lehman presented a powerpoint presentation with information from the management plan indicating population status, harvest strategies (such as aligning spring and fall boundaries for units) percentage thresholds, provided vital rates specifically clutch and hatch rates and matrix projection models for each of the four regions.

Assistant Director Tom Kirschenmann presented the proposed season dates, requirements and restrictions as well as the recommended changes from the previous year as specified below.

1. Offer residents 52 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 600 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 1,252 tags. Offer nonresidents 6 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 42 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 78 tags.
2. Make adjustments to the Black Hills and Unit 49A (Meade County) unit boundaries as outlined in the South Dakota Wild Turkey Management Plan, 2016-2020 (see attached maps).
3. Offer 10 more archery turkey access permits for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve than 2015 for a total of 20 access permits.
4. remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

Motioned by Phillips with second by Spies TO APPROVE THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously



- b. A person that has been authorized by the Department to transport their own watercraft to a Department-approved facility for immediate decontamination.
- 3. Remove the exception in the current rule that allows all drain plugs, bailers or valves in trailered boats to be closed or remain in place during transport from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.
- 4. Remove the exception in the current rule that allows fish or aquatic bait to be transported in water obtained from a lake, river, or stream from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.

Motioned by Spies with second by Phillips TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO MODIFY ACQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES RULES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.

## FINALIZATIONS

### Fishing Limits, Seasons, and Regulations

Program Administrator Geno Adams presented recommended changes to allow the use and possession of baitfish and noncommercial taking of bait in Black Hills Fish Management Area to improve law enforcement and fisheries management.

- 1. Modify **41:07:01:03. "Baitfish use restricted."** To allow for baitfish use within the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
- 2. Modify **41:09:04:03. "Waters closed to taking of bait."** to allow non-commercial take of bait in the Black Hills Fish Management Area.
- 3. Repeal **41:07:01:15. "High-grading of fish prohibited on South Dakota-Minnesota boundary waters."** to remove high-grading restrictions specific to SD/MN border waters and replace them with the SD inland water regulations.
- 4. Modify **41:07:03:03. "Daily, possession, and length limit restrictions on special management waters -- Additional restrictions described."** to:
  - a) remove 15 inch minimum size restrictions for black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) on Carthage, Dimock, Vermillion, Hanson and Staum Lakes,
  - b) remove 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass on Enemy Swim and Pickerel Lakes and
  - c) remove the 15 inch minimum size restriction for walleye and the 14 to 18 inch protected slot limit for black bass from Campbell Slough.

Motioned by G. Jensen with second by Dennert TO FINALIZE CHANGES THE CHANGES TO THE FISHING LIMITS, SEASONS AND REGULATIONS AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Adams presented the recommended changes to allow snagging of salmon on Lake Oahe in October and November, and clarify the hours which snagging paddlefish can occur on portion of the Big Sioux River.

Motioned by Boyd with second by G. Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO THE SNAGGING OF SALMON AND PADDLEFISH 41:07:04 AND 41:07:05 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

### Fishing Tournaments

Lott revisited the recommendation to establish an application fee for fishing tournaments to provide compensation to the Department for the added staff time

## **Fisheries Management Authorization**

Lott presented recommendation to create a new rule that would provide authorization for landowners to perform fisheries management activities on created, man-made impoundments on land they own or operate.

Activities allowed would include:

1. the use of special sampling equipment including nets, seines, and electrofishing equipment
2. stocking permitted species of fish
3. chemical control of vegetation
4. fish removal beyond the allowance of applicable fish limits
5. allowance for an agent, contractor, or employee to conduct fisheries management activities

Requirements would include:

1. the landowner control all the land surrounding the created impoundment by ownership, easement, or lease
2. involvement of a Conservation Officer whenever live fish are transported off the property
3. notification of a Conservation Officer whenever fish in excess of applicable limits are transported

Motioned by Dennert with second by Phillips TO FINALIZE CHANGES TO ESTABLISH RULES IN REGARDS TO PRIVATE HATCHERIES 41:07:01 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Elk Depredation Permits**

Program Manager Keith Fisk and Kirschenmann presented changes to modify the process which elk depredation hunts are administered and combine these processes with other big game depredation hunt registration and selection processes including establishment of the elk permit fee of \$20.

Motioned by B. Jensen with second by G. Jensen TO FINALIZE CHANGE TO THE DEPREDAION PERMITS 41:06:46 AS PROPOSED. Motion carried unanimously.

Fisk and Kirschenmann and Fisk presented proposal to repeal the entire chapter on elk depredation permits and combine applicable elements with the depredation hunt chapter

Motioned by Dennert with second by G. Jensen TO FINALIZE THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO ELIMINATE THE ELK DPREDATION CHAPTER 41:06:52. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Good Earth State Park Land Acquisition**

Division Director Katie Ceroll provided information on the acquisition of Track 2 from the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation for \$392,250 which is 75 percent of the appraised value. This parcel of land consists of 12.45 forested acres to be utilized as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park.

### **Big Stone Island Lot Land Acquisition**

Nedved provided an update on the possible acquisition of a half lot on Big Stone Island in Roberts County for \$1,000. A local realtor verified the price and staff are currently following up to confirm the title is clear. Nedved noted that 2.5 lots are still in private ownership with GFP owning the remaining lots.

### **Indoor Fish Cleaning Station at Indian Creek**

Park Manager Dan Richards provided an overview of the indoor fish cleaning station that was installed at Indian Creek State Park. Richards detailed the work done by staff to meet the need of customers and account for the environment. He noted the cleaning station contains an oversized grinder, LED lighting, 4 exhaust fans, insect control, heated floors, garage heater, air conditioning and indoor pressure washer. Also present was Jesse Konold with the Mobridge Tourism Committee to acknowledge the donations received for the station and the partnership with GFP.

### **Parks Revenue, Camping and Visitation Reports**

Assistant Director Bob Schneider provided the year to date comparison of parks revenue indicating it has been another good year. He stated revenue is up 8 percent even with the decrease in bike and rally bands which is likely due to last year being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rally. Schneider indicated camper units are up 4 percent without the addition of new facilities and total visitation is up 3 percent to date.

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE**

### **Big Game Depredation Resolution**

Kirschenmann and Fisk presented the Commission Draft Resolution 16-13 (Appendix C) allowing the Commission to authorize the Department Secretary to issue a specific number of depredation permits in response to property damage by game animals that cannot be resolved by any other method. Permits would be available for the remainder of 2016 and in 2017. The authorization would make available no more than 600 permits (plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) per year to address deer, antelope, and turkey depredation issues and no more than 100 elk depredation permits per year. Depredation permits are issued on a case by case scenario.

### **Resident Canada Goose Management Plan**

Kirschenmann provided a brief overview of the plan that was provided to the Commission at the August meeting. He noted the Department had received final survey data from US Fish and Wildlife Services and updated tables in plan.

Motioned by G. Jensen, second by Dennert TO APPROVE THE RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLAN. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution in Support of Recovering America's Wildlife Act**

Kirschenmann presented the Commission Resolution 16-15 (Appendix E) in support of recovering America's wildlife act. He explained the recent Blue Ribbon Panel recommends a new funding mechanism be established for state fish and wildlife

David included information on stocking plans and special regulations that would be need noted it will be unlikely to see high number of fish harvested.

### **Land Acquisition Project Review**

Paul Coughlin, Program Administrator provided the Commission with the current land acquisition and disposal report. Early development projects include the Smith Addition to the Helgeson GPA consisting of 2.2 acres of land in Clark County, the Schneiderhan Property consisting of 160 acres in Miner County to be used as a GPA, and the DOT Addition to Spring Creek GFA in Pennington County consisting of 4.86 acres. Also on the list is the Northwestern Engineering Property Addition to Outdoor Campus West located in Pennington County consisting of 13.22 acres that would be used for administrative facilities. All four projects are expected to close in December 2016 if approved by the Commission.

### **Mountain Lion Update**

Andy Lindbloom provided an update on mountain lions indicating harvest and nonharvest mortality for April 1 - March 31 indicating which ones were human caused. He also provided a season summary for 2005 – 2016 detailing licenses sold, season dates, harvest, and harvest limit by season. Lindbloom also provided specific harvest stats including methods: hounds and boots and DNA sampling population estimates.

### **Elk Herd Reduction Plan for Wind Cave National Park**

Arden Petersen, Special Assistant provided information on the collaborative effort with The National Park Service (NPS) to use skilled volunteers to reduce its elk herd at Wind Cave National Park to help address the high rate of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the park. Beginning in mid-November, trained volunteers selected through a lottery system managed by GFP will work with NPS staff to reduce the number of elk inside the park from 500 to between 300 - 400. Volunteers will be required to demonstrate advanced firearms proficiency and physical fitness to participate. This will include shooting a minimum of 3 out of 5 shots into an 8-inch circle at 200 yards using their own firearm and non-lead ammunition. During the week, volunteers will be required to hike up to 10-miles over rough terrain and carry packs up to 70lbs. The NPS is partnering with GFP to distribute meat with a "non-detected" finding for CWD to Feeding South Dakota, an organization dedicated to eliminating hunger in the state, to be distributed through 350 organizations some of which are on the reservation. Also, volunteers who work an entire week on this operation will be eligible to receive some of the elk meat. Only meat with a 'not-detected' test result for CWD will be distributed. Sportsman for Hunger has donated \$10,000 and Safari International donated \$1,000 toward the processing.

### **Elk Contingency Licenses**

Kirschenmann provided an update on the elk contingency licenses that were issued noting that of the 50 issued over 3,100 applications were received indicating the desire of sportsman.

Kintigh was present to provide the Commission a brief update on the follow up meeting held with the Forest Service staff in September. Kintigh said the ranger

Appendix A

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-11**

Whereas, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, of Pierre, South Dakota, which property is described as:

Tract 2 of Spring Creek Country Club Addition in Government Lot 1 and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E½NW¼) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW¼NW¼) of Section 26, Township 100 North, Range 49 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof, subject to easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, reservations, and covenants of record; and

Whereas, the property is to be acquired by and utilized by the Division of Parks and Recreation as an addition to and for the development of Good Earth State Park in Lincoln County, South Dakota; and

Whereas, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

Whereas, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchase, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which the Commission's action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

Whereas, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves of the intended purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to purchase the above described real property at a price of \$392,250.00, which represents seventy-five (75%) percent of the appraised value of the property, and consummate a purchase agreement with the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation to acquire by purchase the above described real property.

Appendix C

**RESOLUTION 16-13**

**BIG GAME DEPREDAATION HUNTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 41-6-29.1, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission may authorize the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to issue a specific number of depredation permits to respond to property damage by game animals that cannot be resolved by any other method, and the Commission has promulgated rules to provide for big game depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species (deer, elk, antelope, and turkey); and

WHEREAS, applications for depredation permits have been received and a random drawing held to establish the lists of depredation pool hunters for each county or area; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that high populations of big game animals may cause property damage which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of animals in a specific geographic area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the next two years (2016 and 2017) the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee to issue no more than 600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) for each species (deer, antelope and turkey) per year and no more than 100 elk depredation permits per year, as the Secretary may deem necessary to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in issuing all big game depredation permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species, and sex of the big game animals permitted to be taken by the holder of each big game depredation permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall replace in their entirety Resolutions Nos. 15-06 and 15-07 previously adopted by this Commission to authorize the Secretary to issue depredation permits to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota legislature at its ninety-first session in 2016 amended the administrative rule of the State of South Dakota that allocates nonresident waterfowl licenses with enactment of House Bill 1075; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1075 of the ninety-first legislative session was signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard and thereafter went into effect on July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the ninety-first South Dakota legislature and Governor Dennis Daugaard acted within the legal authorities afforded to them by the Constitution and Codified Laws of the State of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, although the Game, Fish and Parks COMMISSION is authorized by the Codified Laws of the State of South Dakota to amend administrative rules governing the allocation and issuance of nonresident waterfowl licenses, the COMMISSION fully respects the preeminent authority of the South Dakota legislature and the Governor of South Dakota acting through the legislative process to amend the codified laws and administrative rules of the State of South Dakota including those laws and regulations which pertain to the allocation and issuance of nonresident waterfowl licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby deny the Petition for the reasons hereinabove stated in this Resolution, which said Resolution as adopted by the Commission shall constitute the Commission's written denial of the Petition and its reasons therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition, a record of the Commission's discussions concerning same, and this Resolution be made a part of the Minutes of the Commission meeting at which this Resolution is adopted, and further, that the Department be and it is hereby authorized and directed in compliance with SDCL 1-26-13 to serve a copy of an extract of that portion of the Commission minutes which pertain to the Commission's discussion of the Petition and its adoption of this Resolution, including a copy of the Resolution, on all members of the Interim Rules Review Committee and Director of the Legislative Research Council with copies also to be provided to the Petitioners, George Vandel, Vice-President, South Dakota Waterfowl Association, and Chris Hesla, Executive Director, South Dakota Wildlife Federation, of Pierre, South Dakota.

Public Hearing Minutes of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission  
October 6, 2016

The Public Hearing Officer Scott Simpson began the public hearing at 2:00 p.m. at the Wrangler Inn in Mobridge, South Dakota with Commissioners Peterson, Boyd, B. Jensen, G. Jensen, Phillips, Dennert, and Spies present. Simpson indicated written comments were provided to the Commissioners prior to this time and will be reflected in the Public Hearing Minutes. Simpson then invited the public to come forward with oral testimony.

**Fishing Limits, Seasons and Regulations**

Oral testimony:

Bill Donovan, Donovan Hobby and Scuba Center in Sioux Falls, SD," avid scuba diver in South Dakota since midseventies participating in the sport to go spearfishing. Submitted proposal to GFP in the past to open spearfishing to a year round sport. IN the last 10 years it has been an educational process to inform the public on spearfishing as people are negative when they do not understand the sport. Discussions have help eliminate these misconceptions. Urged the Commission to vote yes on the spearfishing proposal to expand the sport as the impact biologically is not there and the population of people in opposition have finally realized this is not a big deal. Inquired about the removal of the additional \$5.00 fee that was used to fund a study that has been completed and suggested it be removed. Plans to see additional opportunity on additional lakes in 2018.

Commissioner Spies inquired how many people spearfish.

Lott confirmed their 3,300 total resident and nonresident spearing and archery game fisherman.

Ken Edel, Rapid City, SD,"apposes the season as proposed. Stated it should not change just beacause a few lake have bad or dirty water. He disagrees with increasing the lengh of hours and says the use of flachlights is unsportsman making it too easy. Edel wanted to know what anglers think, not just spearfisherman and said the \$5.00 fee is for gamefish not roughfish. Edel also said other states do not allow shooting of gamefish. Inquired additional information on opening inland waters and wanted to know if staff specifically spoke with anglers. Says the \$5.00 fee is for shooting gamefish not roughfish. Most other states do not have shooting of game fish and this is the worst thing we ever did and should prohibit the shooting of small and large mouth bass.

No written testimony was received.

**Fishing Tournaments**

Oral testimony:

Secretary Hepler noted the rule change for fishing tournaments has been out for public comments for the past 60 days. In additions to taking into consideration the comments received through that process staff also reached out to specific interest



donation annually to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for a food plot in the Southern Black Hills. We send several teenagers each summer to an Outdoor Camp hosted in the Black Hills by SD Wildlife Federation. And we have donated \$2000 per year to the GFP for food plot programs in the Codington County area. These are some of our projects. We have been told by local GFP staff that the rule change is to support the additional work of the staff to support and police these tournaments. Let me share a story of GFP involvement at our tournament this year. We did ask that our tournament be placed on the GFP schedule on the website, and it was. During the tournament, a CO from GFP did arrive, also with a Brookings County Sheriff. It turns out that the sailboat regatta, also being held on Poinsett had overturned a paddleboat to use as a buoy marker and not notified any authorities. A citizen phoned in worried about occupants in the water in danger. After that was deemed foolish, but no one was in danger, we had another incident. A large boat from MN with an inboard motor, attempted to launch on the West side, into a very heavy wind and big waves. The boat motor died and was already off the trailer with no driver. The CO told my 19 year old son who was helping with the tournament to jump in the water to try and secure the boat. "Since he had shorts on". He was nearly pushed into the dock and crushed by the boat. How was that our responsibility? They did get the boat trailered for the out of staters that did not even say thank you. None of these incidents were caused by the fishing tournament, and none of those participants are required to support GFP with funding, such as licenses. If GFP needs more funds to run the work that they are charged with, why not raise the license fee for Out of State Fishermen? They will surely pay to fish here as they do not have great fishing in MN, IA, ND and others, so they come here. Has a plan been developed to pay for fighting invasive species? The zebra mussels are likely coming. The risk is more from out of state fishermen bringing it in, so maybe the State should start collecting higher fees to have a fund to fight those when needed. Please consider that this is like double taxation. Fishermen are already supporting GFP through the purchase of their license. And this rule change would add additional cost to the same people. Tournaments are generally hosted by groups of outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists, so you would be biting the hand that feeds you."

Kris VenOsdel, Springfield, SD "I am sending this email in opposition of the proposed application fee for tournament fishing. The amount of fees that GFP keeps imposing on anything to do with outdoor activities anymore is getting out of hand. There is more than enough money brought in to cover the supposed extra expenses that you say need to be covered for these tournaments. "These events require staff time for review, research, law enforcement and cleanup. The proposal is brought forward to provide compensation to the department for added staff time associated with tournaments."Do we not already buy licenses and pay fees for these activities already? Isn't it the job of the conservation officers to monitor ALL fishing activity whether it's tournament or just a normal day with every day fishing going on? If cleanup is such a problem that your staff need to come in and clean up afterwards, maybe you should fine the tournament organizers at that point. There is no need to assess a fee to every tournament organizer when the vast majority do an excellent job of clean up afterwards. To end, I feel another fee to participate in an outdoor activity is getting away from the goal of getting more people outdoors in general."

Dave Johnson, Watertown, SD," I have two concerns about the proposed fishing tournament fees rule. The first has to do with enforcement. The proposed rule puts the burden on the participants to determine whether the tournament they are fishing in has a permit. Unless there is a requirement for tournament sponsors to publish and display their permit, and further, an awareness in anglers that by participating in a tournament without a valid permit, they are in violation, the chain of responsibility becomes cloudy, at best. Basic fairness would dictate that the entity responsible for applying should directly suffer the consequences for not doing so. Penalizing sponsors makes sense for a multitude of reasons, beyond common sense. First, prosecuting one sponsor rather than one hundred participants is more efficient. Second, I doubt that you could find a state's attorney or a judge who would prosecute or convict an angler for a sponsor's inaction. My other concern has to do with the burden this fee may create for non-profit or charitable organizations, particularly when their net revenue from such an event may be very small. This added expense could cause these low margin events to be discontinued, which would be unfortunate since many of them are designed to promote family participation in the sport, increasing the base of future anglers. Thank you for your consideration."

Mike Dorris, Lake Area Walleye Club, LLC, Madison, SD, "Good morning, my name is Mike Dorris, I am the Owner/Operator of Lake Area Walleye Club, LLC based out of Madison SD. I created LAWC in 2009 with the purpose of expanding the exposure of fishing and the great outdoors to the next generation. Too many of our next generation choose video games vs. outdoor activities. I do my best to create kid friendly events that will encourage our children to fish, hunt, hike, and simply be outdoors vs. lounging on the couch. Every dollar of profit that I generate through LAWC go towards youth events, family events, and military appreciation events. I draw large crowds to my events because of the high percentage of entry fees returned to the participants, and the fishing gear I give away which has been around \$10,000 each of the last few years. If I have less dollars to purchase fishing gear to give away, I have smaller crowds, therefore less impact of getting more people outdoors to our events. I am also fairly confident that we give away more fishing gear to our youth than any other organization in the state of SD. LAWC creates and host 10 to 15 events each year. LAWC's name is not on every single permit you receive as I delegate that out occasionally. 2 delegated permits in particular in 2016 were the Boys and Girls Club of the Sioux Empire Celebrity Walleye Classics (both ice and open water fishing) on Dry Lake #2. I am fairly confident that LAWC obtains more permits than any other organization in South Dakota on an annual basis. The proposed permit fee I was made aware of yesterday, August 3rd 2016 would cost LAWC between \$4000 and \$5000 per year. This would sink LAWC and we would be out of business. The permit expense would have to come from the competitors of the events, more expense = less participation. LAWC has no salaries or annual profits, simply an operating budget for our events, insurance, income tax filing, and capital improvements of our equipment to host our events. I agree that work is created for your personnel when a permit is applied for, but is this permit creating overtime, or the need for additional staff members? If not, I don't think any fee is necessary. I read in the proposal that work is created for your staff to clean up after the events, I assure you we leave the areas of our footprint much better than prior to our arrival. We constantly pick up aluminum

entry fee \$800 payout is not fair and will only result in smaller just as popular tournaments to go by the wayside. Unless that is the true intention of the proposal, the fee structure should match the tournament structure. Today's tournament environment already has a stigma of only those with \$90k boats and the money to play in multiday high dollar tournaments need apply. To these types of tournaments the proposed increase doesn't matter to their participants and their decision to enter isn't based on an extra fee dollars added to the entry fee. However, the small entry fee tournaments that are usually located in smaller communities and attended by locals or those that share same interests are going to see the most impact of a tournament fee. Please reconsider this fee structure until it can address this imbalance. Im sure some of the smaller SD tournaments and communities that support them would agree that a fee can be imposed but at a level that is equal to the level of the tournament being held."

Cory Richardt, SODAK Ice Fishing League, llc, Watertown, SD, "I am writing you this email in response to the proposal of establishing a fishing tournament fee that came out of your August meeting. I understand that there is an increasing number of fishing tournaments in the state evidenced by the SDGFP website and in the local newspapers. It seems that every weekend there are a handful of fishing tournaments throughout the year, except for the winter. The South Dakota winter has drastically fewer competitive fishing tournaments, and for that reason alone we decided to start the SODAK Ice Fishing League. My partner Chuck Wilson, of Aberdeen, SD and I organized the SODAK Ice Fishing League, llc in the spring of 2014 and began holding tournaments in the winter of 2015. This coming winter will bring our third season of holding tournaments. Our league is structured with four qualifying tournaments with a capacity of 50 two man teams with the top 25 teams qualifying for a championship, held at the end of the season. We have allowed 10 additional slots for teams to enter as 'at large teams' to be able to compete and see how our events run before they have to commit to join the league and fish the entire series. I believe it is important for you to understand the structure of our league, and to know that our league profits nothing from these events. Neither Chuck and I, nor our other workers/assistants take any income from organizing and running these events, so our interest in writing this letter is purely for the interest of the other 90+ anglers that participate in our events. The vast majority of our anglers have to travel a minimum of over 100 miles to each of our events; and to add to this, we have had a dozen teams in the last two years come from out of state to participate in all of our events. Every time our anglers come to one of our events, they look at Fuel, Bait, Lodging, Meals/Snacks/Drinks, Fishing License, and any additional tackle/equipment they purchase for the outing. These all add up quickly and I fear that adding an additional expense will be further 'nickel and diming' our anglers and deter them from entering our events. I have heard the argument that these fishermen would be fishing anyway and spending this money in our local economy, but in the case of a good number of our anglers, this is not the case. Many teams have expressed to me this league is the only time that they make it out fishing for the winter. They have said by committing to the events prior to the season, they feel obligated to come out and fish - and are very thankful for it. Our entry fee for each event is \$20 per person per event. This adds up to \$2000 in entry fees per event; all of which we pay out. The proposed fee of \$350 for our field of 100 anglers would equal 17.5% of our total take in going to this new tournament fee. Over the whole winter season, according to your proposal, we

application? All of a couple of minutes to read, then approve and forward it onto the next step in the process. How much research? Do they look at the database from last couple of years and there is no negative remarks about the tournament it proceeds unto the next step? How many people need to approve a fishing tournament? Could the cost be reduced by decreasing the number of approvals necessary for a tournament? How many man hours a year are put to this process? 2. Law Enforcement: As I have fished these tournaments I have only been checked twice by an officer on the water of the Missouri River system and have been checked once on a small lake during a tournament. As most of the other times I have been checked it is usually right after coming to shore for the day. I have abided by all the laws and regulations thus additional resources needed? Where is the need for additional law enforcement? In most tournaments' if you do not follow the rules and laws of the state you are disqualified from the tournament so why would there be a need for additional enforcement? 3. Clean-Up: I would like to know what they are cleaning up? How many hours of clean up necessary after a tournament? Because while I'm out there or a family member we pick our trash and any of the other trash that might have been left by someone else. You pack it in you pack it out. I have been the last one vacating some of the campgrounds after the weekend and they look just as clean as when people arrived. Is the state charging for other activities that take place out at state parks like family reunions, Class Reunions, large picnics, etc? 4. The fact that you would fine the angler for fishing in a tournament that was not approved by GFP would be absurd. Why would you fine someone who is not breaking the law? How is he to know that the organizer of the tournament placed an application in for approval? The additional cost of this application fee will be passed onto the angler."

Damar Dore, Director, USA Bassin South Dakota Division "USA Bassin, South Dakota Division would like to applaud The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks on it efforts to manage its staff cost with that of area tournaments, I understand the need for these fees with the departments needing to operate inside its budgetary constraints. However, I believe that there is a fairer and equitable solution to this short fall, one that could ease the burden of applications and not to increase the cost to organizers to operate tournaments. After polling several tournament anglers, we feel a better solution to have a rider on the current fishing license (much like a duck stamp for hunting) for an additional \$10.00 per annual to fish tournaments in South Dakota, This would make it fair to all tournament and derby anglers that wish to fish these style events. Most of the tournaments we currently fish are less the 20 boats which concerns me for future growth and when we have open tournaments, the issue we face not knowing until the last moment how many boats are showing up to fish, if we purchase a 20 + permit and only 10 boats show up then we are in the hole by at least 3 tournaments to get that amount of funds recovered. As a club you don't want to discourage anglers from fishing your events, and as an organization you cannot be successful by losing funds. I do believe that applications for any size event should be mandatory; this would give the SDGFP notice of a planned event should they desire staff to attend, also it would allow the planning so multiple events are not scheduled for the same locations and dates creating thus hazards and delays for non-tournament anglers."

Harold Feser, Sioux Falls, SD," Please do not change tournament cost for ice fishing. These tourneys have very little impact on the fishing system, and are hard to

to kick-off the Poinsett Pounders Governors games & childrens day. We charge \$7 per person & depending on the weather,we average 170 fisherman per year.We serve free brats,buns,peanuts,water & pop from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.Our cost \$1500. We give out \$350 in cash prizes.We buy \$500 in door prizes & give donated door prizes away...also.Now,with a \$800 tourney fee for a 5 hour fishing tourney,we will end our annual tourney!! I think a structured fee of \$100 for 100 people & a \$200 fee for 101+ fisherman would be tolerable to business sponsors & charity tourneys.On Lake Kampeska alone,each winter,in Wtn., there is a Ducks Unlimited.,Elks club, Izaak Walton & a couple other non-profit tourneys. I feel they may end there tourneys also"

Mark Zacher, President Black Hills Bass Bandits, Rapid City, SD, "I heard a rumor that there may be a proposal out on charging fees for tournaments ? we have about 10 club tournaments a year, we are a small nonprofit club and I am concerned about this if it's true. I appreciate an explanation of this if it's so.Thank you for your time"

Cliff Lambert, Black Hills Bass Bandits, Rapid City, SD," you would prefer not to have tournaments at all. with passage of this proposal you may accomplish that. we can not afford to comply. you talk about compensating staff. don't you pay them? don't they do this stuff during their normal duty day"? as for law enforcement, I have never seen them at our club tournaments nor have we ever had the need of them. we never leave anything behind to clean up. in fact, sometimes we have cleaned up ramp areas on our own. the reasoning behind this proposal reeks of bureaucratic torpidity, you don't want tournaments and this is a way to make inroads towards that goal."

Drake Mohr, Sioux Falls, SD," I am a leisure tournament fisherman and a member of the Lake Area Walleye Club. I fish around 10 league events and fishing tournaments each year. In my opinion, you proposal for charging the very high fees for each tournament is way too high. I know that in our league, the area is left cleaner than when we got there. Members from our league go around the area and make sure our trash and trash from others is picked up. I also fish tournaments on Lake Poinsett which I have a lake cabin and have returned later the same day and do not see any trash, etc laying around as inferred in your proposal that it takes extra manpower to go after and clean up. I also know that there are plenty of tournaments that gear toward getting kids involved in the tournaments. If you pass these huge fees, it has to come out of the prizes and may cause tournaments to either fold or reduce the amount of people fishing in them which leaves some people out. I can understand charging a small application fee in the neighborhood of \$50 per tournament for processing the application, but your proposed fees are way too high. Most people fishing these tournaments are already huge contributors in the equipment they buy as part of that goes back to GFP, licenses for themselves and their families, and most are members of at least one outdoor club which indirectly lowers GFP cost. Please reconsider the huge cost you will be putting on these tournaments and do the math that the fees you would collect are nowhere near the financial impact that you imply the fishing tournaments cost the GFP."

## **Bait Trapping and Use**

Written testimony:

Ken Edel, Rapid City, SD," Issues with bait trapping and use is not across the state but in the Black Hills. Two years were spent on the trout management plan with

put out 50 more tags than were recorded in the specific unit. Group is an active younger crowd that is hunting in state and out of state. It is phenomenal to get an elk tag in South Dakota and more cow tags in the area will take away from that experience of hunting which is priceless.

Written testimony:

Ross Swedeen, Rapid City, SD," My name is Ross Swedeen. I live in Rapid City, SD. I am a member of the South Dakota Big Game Coalition. I will not be able to attend the meetings in person. I work in the road construction industry. Right now is our crunch time to get our projects completed before the snow flies. First off, I would like to thank you all for the work that you do. You do not have easy jobs. You have to make difficult decisions based on many different opinions. I am writing this email to give you my input on some of the issues you will be discussing during your meeting. I would urge you to make your decision on issuing additional elk contingency tags based on biology and science. There were elk contingency tags issued in the past when the SDGFP recommended no elk contingency tags. That gives the impression that decisions are based on special interest group's opinions, not science. In my opinion, that is not how our wildlife should be managed. We should be managing our wildlife based off the North American Wildlife Conservation Model. Sister #7 of that model is scientific management. "

Silvia Christen, Executive Director SD Stockgrowers Association, Rapid City, SD," I begin this letter by apologizing that no one from our association was able to attend the meeting in Mobridge. We had hoped to be able to visit with you directly. Schedules for our ranchers are full this time of year with ranch work, fall calf sales and preparing for winter weather. We want to thank the Commission for the thoughtful and thorough discussion surrounding the decision to issue 50 additional elk tags in response to the drought conditions ranchers faced this summer. We hope that you saw the press release we sent to acknowledge that decision and publicly thank you all as well. Since the August meeting, conditions in the BH National Forest have made some improvement. As you can see on the drought monitor (attached), we did have some rain fall from mid-September that has alleviated some of the most severe drought conditions, though the northern hills and Butte County continue to experience D3 levels of drought. Producers like Aaron Thompson, who spoke with you during the last commission meeting, and his neighbors are reporting some improvements to grazing and forage with recent rains. Several grazing permittees report that they entered their permits late due to the drought conditions and were then able to stay on those permits until their scheduled dates, resulting in a net reduction of total forage and grazing. Many of them did haul additional water to supply livestock and wildlife during the last months. To my knowledge no producers were able to extend their grazing timeframes on the BH National Forest. More specifically, ranchers grazing those areas have shared that while the rain did help to hold the grass quality it was not enough rain, early enough to really make any substantial improvements to the quantity of forage available. We share that information to support that the decision to remove some additional elk was prudent and responsible to help maintain forage levels and allow the forest to recover from these drought conditions. Moving forward, the SD Stockgrowers Association encourages the SD Game Fish and Parks staff recommendation to develop more specific guidelines for future issuance of elk tags according to the drought contingency in the Elk Management Plan. We share the concern that the Elk MP doesn't give the commission, the public or

part of land management and I thank you all for your willingness to do the hard thing.  
Hoping for a gentle yet precipitous winter”

The public Hearing concluded at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly R Hepler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "H".

Kelly R. Hepler, Department Secretary

# **2017 Game, Fish, and Parks Commission Schedule**

*Meeting times are Thursday 1-5 p.m. and continues Friday 8 a.m.-noon*

**January 12-13, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Pierre - RedRossa Convention Center**

808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**February 2017**

**No meeting**

**March 2-3, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Pierre - RedRossa Convention Center**

808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**April 6-7, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Watertown – Convention Center**

1901 9th Ave SW, Watertown, SD 57201

**May 4-5, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**CSP – Blue Bell Lodge**

US Hwy 16A, Custer, SD 57730

**June 8-9, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Chamberlain - Cedar Shores Resort**

1500 Shoreline Dr., Oacoma, SD 57365

**July 13-14, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Ft. Pierre – AmericInn Conference Center**

312 Island Dr, Fort Pierre, SD 57532

**July 20-21, 2017**

Reserve for possible Contested Case Hearing-Pierre

**August 2017**

**No meeting**

**September 7-8, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Sioux Falls – Ramada**

1301 W Russell St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**October 5-6, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Rapid City – Outdoor Campus West**

4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, SD 57702

**Nov. 2-3, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Brookings - McCrory Gardens**

621 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, SDSU Brookings, SD

**Dec. 14-15, 2017**

Thursday-Friday

**Pierre - RedRossa Convention Center**

808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**January 11-12, 2018**

Thursday-Friday

**Pierre - RedRossa Convention Center**

808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501

**March 1-2, 2018**

Thursday-Friday

**Pierre - RedRossa Convention Center**

808 W Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501



GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION  
PROPOSAL

#7

**CAMPING PERMITS AND RULES**  
**Chapter 41:03:03**

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	December 15-16, 2016	Pierre
	<b>Finalization</b>	July 7-8, 2016	Pierre

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended Changes:**

**Amend 41:03:03:03.01. Park entrance license exemptions:**

1. Remove the state park entrance license exemption for persons visiting campers assigned to the Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park.
2. Add an exemption for members and guests of a South Dakota veterans organization or group, South Dakota National Guard or military reserve unit and guests or patients and their attendants of a veterans hospital in South Dakota from the state park entrance license requirement while participating in a non-competitive special event hosted by the organization, group, unit or hospital if a special event permit has been obtained from the park manager.

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. The Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park is no longer a functioning entity. Therefore, the park entrance license exemption is not needed.
2. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks supports and appreciates our military veterans and service members. Currently, South Dakota veterans who have a 100% service related disability are entitled to a free lifetime state park entrance license. We want to expand on this by offering an exemption to the state park entrance license requirement to veterans, National Guard and reserve unit members and veteran's hospital patients while participating in non-competitive special events. Examples would be American Legion or Disable American Veteran picnics, motorcycle ride-throughs by veterans group, veteran's hospital outings, or National Guard recruitment weekends. The PEL exemption would also apply to family members and guests participating in the event. Currently, the only groups that are afforded this exemption are South Dakota non-profit youth groups.

☐ **APPROVE**      ☐ **MODIFY**      ☐ **REJECT**      ☐ **NO ACTION**



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season

Chapter 41:06:13

<b>Commission Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>October 6-7, 2016</b>	<b>Mobridge</b>
	<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>November 3, 2016</b>	<b>Brandon</b>
	<b>Finalization</b>	<b>November 3-4, 2016</b>	<b>Brandon</b>

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

**Duration of Proposal:** 2017 and 2018 hunting seasons.

<b><u>Season Dates:</u></b>	April 1 – May 21, 2017	Archery
	April 7 – May 20, 2018	Archery
	April 8 – May 21, 2017	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 14 – May 20, 2018	Black Hills regular and single-season Prairie units
	April 8 – April 30, 2017	Split-season early Prairie units
	April 14 – April 30, 2017	Split-season early Prairie units
	May 1 – May 21, 2017	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season
	May 1 – May 20, 2018	Split-season late Prairie units; Black Hills late season

<b><u>Licenses:</u></b>	Black Hills: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Prairie: 5,602 resident and 244 nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses
	750 resident and 60 nonresident two-tag "male turkey" licenses
	Archery: Unlimited resident and nonresident one-tag "male turkey" licenses

<b><u>Access Permits:</u></b>	Access permits valid April 8-30
	Good Earth State Park: 5 archery turkey access permits
	Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve: 20 archery turkey access permits

### **Requirements and Restrictions:**

1. Turkey hunters may apply for and receive one license in each of the Black Hills regular season, Black Hills late season, Prairie, and Archery Units in the first and second lottery drawings.
2. Turkey hunters may purchase only one regular Black Hills and one archery turkey license.
3. Residents may purchase one late Black Hills late season license.
4. One-half of the licenses in each prairie unit are available for landowner/operator preference.
5. Prairie units adjoining the White River and Cheyenne River also include an adjacent area one mile wide on the opposite side of the river.
6. No person may shoot a turkey in a tree or roost.
7. A person may use only bow and arrow, a shotgun using shot shells or a muzzleloading shotgun in state parks and recreation areas within prairie units; units (01A, 06A, 08A, 08B, 22A, 23A, 29A, 32A, 37A, 40A, 44A, 44B, 48A, 52A, 56A, 61A) in eastern SD; and in the portion of Unit 58A lying south of Oahe Dam, east of SD Highway 1806 and north of U.S. Highway 14 except as posted by the Corps of Engineers and GFP.

### **Recommended changes from last year:**

1. Offer residents 52 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 600 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 1,252 tags. Offer nonresidents 6 more one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 42 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 78 tags.
2. Make adjustments to the Black Hills and Unit 49A (Meade County) unit boundaries as outlined in the South Dakota Wild Turkey Management Plan, 2016-2020 (see attached maps).
3. Offer 10 more archery turkey access permits for Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve than 2015 for a total of 20 access permits.
4. Remove the language in administrative rule depicting the license type and number of licenses from each hunting unit.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

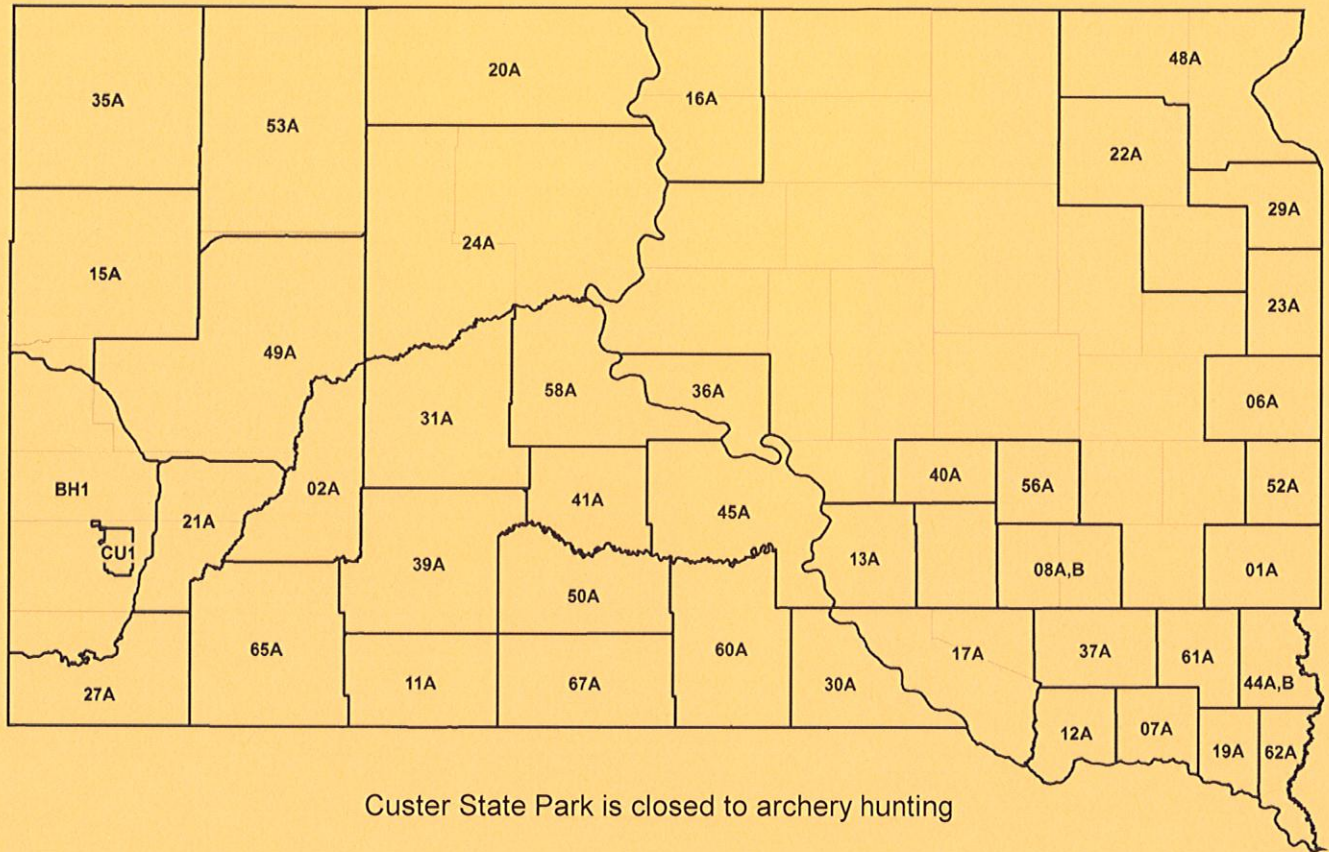
**Recommended changes from proposal:**

1. Offer nonresidents 6 less one-tag "male turkey" licenses and 48 less two-tag "male turkey" licenses for the Prairie Units than 2016 for an overall decrease of 90 tags.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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# SPRING TURKEY UNITS





Unit #	Unit Name	Resident			Nonresident			License Totals						
		TomT	2	TomT	TomT	32	35	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	NR
01A	Minnehaha	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
02A	Pennington	200	0	16	0	200	0	200	200	16	0	16	16	0
06A	Brookings	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
07A	Yankton	230	0	0	0	230	0	230	230	0	0	0	0	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
11A	Bennett	30	0	3	0	30	0	30	30	3	0	3	3	0
12A	Bon Homme	250	0	0	0	250	0	250	250	0	0	0	0	0
13A	Brule	150	0	0	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	0	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28	0
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	0	0	0	350	0	350	350	0	0	0	0	0
19A	Clay	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0	0
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8	0
21A	Custer	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12	0
22A	Day/Codington	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
23A	Deuel	90	0	0	0	90	0	90	90	0	0	0	0	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12	0
27A	Fall River	0	150	0	12	0	150	150	300	0	12	12	24	0
29A	Grant	220	0	0	0	220	0	220	220	0	0	0	0	0
30A	Gregory	700	0	56	0	700	0	700	700	56	0	56	56	0
31A	Haakon	0	200	0	16	0	200	200	400	0	16	16	32	0
32A	Hamlin	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
35A	Harding	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8	0
36A	Hughes	30	0	0	0	30	0	30	30	0	0	0	0	0
37A	Hutchinson	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0	0
39A	Jackson	150	0	12	0	150	0	150	150	12	0	12	12	0
40A	Jerauld	10	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
41A	Jones	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6	0
44A	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0
45A	Lyman	100	0	8	0	100	0	100	100	8	0	8	8	0
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0	0	0	400	0	400	400	0	0	0	0	0
49A	Meade	0	300	0	24	0	300	300	600	0	24	24	48	0
50A	Mellette	350	0	28	0	350	0	350	350	28	0	28	28	0
52A	Moody	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	60	0	0	0	0	0
53A	Perkins	0	100	0	8	0	100	100	200	0	8	8	16	0
56A	Sanborn	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
58A	Stanley	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4	0
58B	Stanley	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0
60A	Tripp	400	0	32	0	400	0	400	400	32	0	32	32	0
61A	Turner	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
62A	Union	120	0	0	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0	0
62B	Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	0	4	0	40	0	40	40	4	0	4	4	0
67A	Todd	75	0	6	0	75	0	75	75	6	0	6	6	0
	TOTAL	5,602	750	244	60	5,602	750	6,352	7,102	244	60	304	364	
	Unit	TomT	2	TomT	2	TomT	2	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	RES	NR
		32	35	32	35	1-tag	2-tag	Licenses	Tags	1-tag	2-tag	Lic	Tags	
						5,846	810	6,656	7,466					
						RES & NR:								



SPRING TURKEY  
2016--2017 and 2018 Comparison

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Unit #	Unit Name	2016 Resident Licenses	2017-2018 Resident Licenses	# Change	% Change	2016 Resident Tags	2017-2018 Resident Tags	# Change	% Change
01A	Minnehaha	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
02A	Pennington	300	200	-100	-33%	600	200	-400	-67%
06A	Brookings	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
07A	Yankton	230	230	0	0%	230	230	0	0%
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	80	0	0%	80	80	0	0%
11A	Bennett	50	30	-20	-40%	50	30	-20	-40%
12A	Bon Homme	300	250	-50	-17%	300	250	-50	-17%
13A	Brule	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	400	350	-50	-13%	400	350	-50	-13%
19A	Clay	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
19B	Clay	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
20A	Corson	100	100	0	0%	100	100	0	0%
21A	Custer	150	150	0	0%	300	150	-150	-50%
22A	Day/Codington	60	80	20	33%	60	80	20	33%
23A	Deuel	90	90	0	0%	90	90	0	0%
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	150	0	0%	150	150	0	0%
27A	Fall River	150	150	0	0%	300	300	0	0%
29A	Grant	220	220	0	0%	220	220	0	0%
30A	Gregory	800	700	-100	-13%	800	700	-100	-13%
31A	Haakon	300	200	-100	-33%	600	400	-200	-33%
32A	Hamlin	0	10	10	NA	0	10	10	NA
35A	Harding	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
36A	Hughes	40	30	-10	-25%	40	30	-10	-25%
37A	Hutchinson	80	60	-20	-25%	80	60	-20	-25%
39A	Jackson	200	150	-50	-25%	200	150	-50	-25%
40A	Jerauld	10	10	0	0%	10	10	0	0%
41A	Jones	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
44A	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
44B	Lincoln	50	50	0	0%	50	50	0	0%
45A	Lyman	150	100	-50	-33%	150	100	-50	-33%
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
49A	Meade	350	300	-50	-14%	700	600	-100	-14%
50A	Mellette	350	350	0	0%	350	350	0	0%
52A	Moody	60	60	0	0%	60	60	0	0%
53A	Perkins	100	100	0	0%	200	200	0	0%
56A	Sanborn	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
58A	Stanley	50	40	-10	-20%	50	40	-10	-20%
58B	Stanley	4	2	-2	-50%	4	2	-2	-50%
60A	Tripp	400	400	0	0%	400	400	0	0%
61A	Turner	20	20	0	0%	20	20	0	0%
62A	Union	120	120	0	0%	120	120	0	0%
62B	Union	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%
65A	Oglala Lakota	60	40	-20	-33%	60	40	-20	-33%
67A	Todd	75	75	0	0%	75	75	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,004</b>	<b>6,352</b>	<b>-652</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>7,102</b>	<b>-1,252</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>

Note: An additional 8% of the number of licenses will be available to nonresidents in West River units.



# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ADMINSTRATIVE ACTION

## Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season – Hunting Unit Licenses

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

### LICENSE ALLOCATION BY SEASONS AND UNITS

#### Spring Turkey

#### 2017 and 2018 License Allocations

Unit #	Unit Name	Resident	
		TomT	2 TomT
		32	35
01A	Minnehaha	80	0
02A	Pennington	200	0
06A	Brookings	20	0
07A	Yankton	230	0
08A	Davison/Hanson	80	0
08B	Davison/Hanson	80	0
11A	Bennett	30	0
12A	Bon Homme	250	0
13A	Brule	150	0
15A	Butte/Lawrence	350	0
16A	Campbell/Walworth	10	0
17A	Charles Mix/Douglas	350	0
19A	Clay	120	0
19B	Clay	0	0
20A	Corson	100	0
21A	Custer	150	0
22A	Day/Codington	80	0
23A	Deuel	90	0
24A	Dewey/Ziebach	150	0
27A	Fall River	0	150
29A	Grant	220	0
30A	Gregory	700	0
31A	Haakon	0	200
32A	Hamlin	10	0
35A	Harding	100	0
36A	Hughes	30	0
37A	Hutchinson	60	0
39A	Jackson	150	0
40A	Jerauld	10	0
41A	Jones	75	0
44A	Lincoln	50	0
44B	Lincoln	50	0
45A	Lyman	100	0
48A	Marshall/Roberts	400	0
49A	Meade	0	300
50A	Mellette	350	0
52A	Moody	60	0
53A	Perkins	0	100
56A	Sanborn	20	0
58A	Stanley	40	0
58B	Stanley	2	0
60A	Tripp	400	0
61A	Turner	20	0
62A	Union	120	0
62B	Union	0	0
65A	Oglala Lakota	40	0
67A	Todd	75	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>750</b>

\*Unlimited single tag licenses for archery and Black Hills.

\*\*Additional 8% nonresident allocation for West River prairie units.

APPROVE _____	MODIFY _____	REJECT _____	NO ACTION _____
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# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION FINALIZATION

## Uses of Parks and Public Lands

Chapters 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6-7, 2016	Mobridge
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

### COMMISSION PROPOSAL

#### Proposed changes from last year:

1. Amend current administrative rule to allow for the removal of shed antlers from state owned lands.

### DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes from proposal: None.

### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Discussion surrounding the Department regulation that prohibits the removal of shed antlers from agency lands was elevated in the winter/spring of 2016 when a GFP news release was distributed reminding the public that it is not legal to remove shed antlers from State Parks and Game Production Areas. This brought about many concerns and questions why this activity is prohibited. Following several internal discussions by both Wildlife and Parks staff, it is the recommendation of the Department to make a change to this administrative rule.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFY \_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ NO ACTION \_\_\_\_\_



**FISH LIMITS**  
**41:07:03**

**Commission Meeting Dates:**

**Proposal**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Finalization**

October 6, 2016  
November 3, 2016  
November 3-4, 2016

Pierre  
Brandon  
Brandon

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

1. Add language that would allow ice anglers to keep a legally caught possession limit of fish while on the ice.
2. Add language that would allow ice anglers to clean fish species, while on the ice, that do not have water-specific size restrictions.
3. Add language that dictates fish possessed on the ice must adhere to the transportation rule that requires fish to be readily countable.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:** None

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. There are two situations with regards to ice fishing that affect an anglers ability to abide by the requirement that only one day's limit be possessed when actively fishing:
  - a. It is becoming more common for anglers to stay on the ice overnight and fish for a number of days without leaving a lake, and.
  - b. Anglers who fished the previous day, stayed in a motel overnight, and then will be on their way home after a second day of fishing, will have the previous day's catch in their vehicle, while on the ice.

Modifying language to allow anglers to possess more than one day's limit while on the ice, in association with obeying transportation requirements for fish, would provide a way for ice anglers fishing multiple days to abide by possession limits.

2. With the change in ice shack accommodations, anglers have all the comforts of home on the ice. Many anglers are cleaning their fish prior to transporting them to their domicile. In addition, many anglers would like to cook and eat their fish while on the ice. The existing rule doesn't allow for fish to be cleaned beyond the removal of gills, entrails, and eyes. The requirement that fish for which water-specific length limits are in place must be kept whole allows for enforcement of length limits.
3. Without modifying the language to require that fish possessed on the ice meet transportation requirements, ice anglers could have a frozen block of fish on the ice prior to transporting them or could cut each fish into more than two fillets, making inspections problematic.

☐ **APPROVE**

☐ **MODIFY**

☐ **REJECT**

☐ **NO ACTION**



**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**  
**41:10:04**

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	October 6, 2016	Pierre
	Public Hearing	November 3, 2016	Brandon
	Finalization	November 3-4, 2016	Brandon

**COMMISSION PROPOSAL**

1. Add Red Swamp Crayfish to the list of invertebrate aquatic invasive species.
2. Allow for the transport of aquatic invasive species by:
  - a. An employee of a business that has been approved by the department to transport a boat or motorboat to a facility for the purposes of aquatic invasive species removal.
  - b. A person that has been authorized by the Department to transport their own watercraft to a Department-approved facility for immediate decontamination.
3. Remove the existing allowance in the current rule that allows all drain plugs, bailers or valves in trailered boats to be closed or remain in place during transport from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.
4. Remove the existing allowance in the current rule that allows fish or aquatic bait to be transported in water obtained from a lake, river, or stream from a boat ramp parking area to an immediately-adjacent fish cleaning station.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommended changes from proposal:** The department recommends the commission not adopt portions of the proposed changes that would allow for transport of aquatic invasive species by approved businesses or authorized individuals for the purpose of invasive species removal and decontamination

**SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION**

1. Red Swamp crayfish are one of the primary crayfish species sold and transported throughout the country for human consumption but can have detrimental effects on native crayfish.
2. It became evident during watercraft decontamination efforts at Lewis and Clark Lake in early October 2016 that there are instances when even a thorough decontamination effort may not result in complete removal of zebra mussels from watercraft. Adult mussels can grow in locations where they cannot be removed by pressure washing or by boat mechanics. In addition to transport of watercraft with AIS attached, this rule needs to address storage and future use of watercraft with AIS attached which cannot be removed. A department AIS work group will be working this winter on development of protocols for boat inspection and decontamination and transport and storage of contaminated boats, and a revised recommendation for commission proposal will be made in 2017.

☐ APPROVE

☐ MODIFY

☐ REJECT

☐ NO ACTION

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## Proposed 2017 - 2021 Rates for Angostura and Shadehill Cabins and Trailers

**Established by the Market Rent Survey conducted by the U.S.  
Department of the Interior**

		Angostura		Shadehill			
Number of Units		32		47			
2016 rate		\$	835.00	\$	435.00		
Total Revenue		\$	26,720.00	\$	20,445.00	\$	47,165.00
2017 Rate		\$	1,360.00	\$	990.00		
Total Revenue		\$	43,520.00	\$	46,530.00	\$	90,050.00
2018 Rate		\$	1,855.00	\$	1,545.00		
Total Revenue		\$	59,360.00	\$	72,615.00	\$	131,975.00
2019 Rate		\$	2,400.00	\$	2,100.00		
Total Revenue		\$	76,800.00	\$	98,700.00	\$	175,500.00
2020 Rate		\$	2,400.00	\$	2,100.00		
Total Revenue		\$	76,800.00	\$	98,700.00	\$	175,500.00
2021 Rate		\$	2,400.00	\$	2,100.00		
Total Revenue		\$	76,800.00	\$	98,700.00	\$	175,500.00



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DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
January to October 2016 Revenue Comparison by Item

	2015		2016		%
	Number	Dollar	Number	Dollar	Change
Annual	47,446	\$ 1,423,379	53,223	\$ 1,596,682	12%
Second Vehicle	12,113	\$ 181,692	13,719	\$ 205,787	13%
Combo	24,525	\$ 1,103,633	25,043	\$ 1,126,948	2%
Transferable	1,406	\$ 91,417	1,563	\$ 101,577	11%
Daily / Person	33,996	\$ 135,985	33,214	\$ 132,856	-2%
Daily / Vehicle	84,527	\$ 507,161	85,660	\$ 513,962	1%
Unattended Vehicle Daily	1,819	\$ 18,188	2,004	\$ 20,038	10%
Motorcoach Permit	9,966	\$ 29,898	16,209	\$ 48,626	63%
GSM Annual Trail Pass	2,521	\$ 37,815	3,590	\$ 53,850	42%
GSM Daily Trail Pass	17,552	\$ 52,656	14,326	\$ 57,304	9%
CSP Temp Daily / Vehicle	157,046	\$ 2,355,692	162,249	\$ 3,244,984	38%
Bike Band	29,227	\$ 292,269	16,740	\$ 167,399	-43%
Rally Bike Band	54,579	\$ 545,786	30,433	\$ 304,330	-44%
One-Day Special Event	N/A	\$ 10,745	N/A	\$ 10,827	1%
<b>PERMITS</b>	<b>476,723</b>	<b>\$ 6,786,316</b>	<b>457,973</b>	<b>\$ 7,585,170</b>	<b>12%</b>
Camping Services Permits	-	\$ 7,983,521	-	\$ 8,373,324	5%
Gift Card	-	\$ 5,720	-	\$ 4,335	-24%
Picnic Reservations	-	\$ 17,623	-	\$ 19,645	11%
Firewood	35,724	\$ 178,619	33513	\$ 167,566	-6%
<b>LODGING</b>	<b>35,724</b>	<b>\$ 8,185,483</b>	<b>33513</b>	<b>\$ 8,564,870</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>512,447</b>	<b>\$ 14,971,799</b>	<b>491,486</b>	<b>\$ 16,150,040</b>	<b>8%</b>

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
January to October 2016 Revenue Comparison by District

LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Fort Sisseton			
Pickrel Lake			
Roy Lake			
Sica Hollow			
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>	<b>\$ 468,952</b>	<b>\$ 472,493</b>	<b>1%</b>
Richmond Lake			
Mina Lake			
Lake Louise			
Fisher Grove			
Amsden			
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>\$ 275,662</b>	<b>\$ 291,070</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sandy Shore			
Hartford Beach			
Lake Cochrane			
Pelican Lake			
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>	<b>\$ 399,184</b>	<b>\$ 411,676</b>	<b>3%</b>
Oakwood Lakes			
Lake Poinsett			
Lake Thompson			
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>	<b>\$ 757,555</b>	<b>\$ 787,562</b>	<b>4%</b>
Lake Herman			
Walkers Point			
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>	<b>\$ 287,609</b>	<b>\$ 295,231</b>	<b>3%</b>
Snake Creek			
Platte Creek			
Burke Lake			
Buryanek			
<b>DISTRICT 6</b>	<b>\$ 437,873</b>	<b>\$ 436,910</b>	<b>0%</b>
Palisades			
Lake Vermillion			
Big Sioux			
<b>DISTRICT 7</b>	<b>\$ 798,949</b>	<b>\$ 868,231</b>	<b>9%</b>
Newton Hills			
Lake Alvin			
Union Grove			
Adams			
<b>DISTRICT 8</b>	<b>\$ 503,281</b>	<b>\$ 508,986</b>	<b>1%</b>

LOCATION	2015	2016	%
Lewis & Clark			
Springfield			
Chief White Crane			
Pierson Ranch			
Tabor			
Sand Creek			
<b>DISTRICT 9</b>	<b>\$ 1,929,514</b>	<b>\$ 1,941,810</b>	<b>1%</b>
White Swan			
South Scalp			
Randall Creek			
South Shore			
North Point			
Pease Creek			
Whetstone			
North Wheeler			
<b>DISTRICT 10</b>	<b>\$ 650,976</b>	<b>\$ 644,166</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Farm Island			
West Bend			
<b>DISTRICT 11</b>	<b>\$ 481,655</b>	<b>\$ 503,132</b>	<b>4%</b>
Okobojo			
Spring Creek			
Oahe Downstream			
Cow Creek			
<b>DISTRICT 12</b>	<b>\$ 544,354</b>	<b>\$ 570,608</b>	<b>5%</b>
WalthBay			
East Whitlock			
West Whitlock			
Lake Hiddenwood			
Swan Creek			
Indian Creek			
Revheim Bay			
West Pollock			
<b>DISTRICT 13</b>	<b>\$ 410,858</b>	<b>\$ 414,502</b>	<b>1%</b>
Mickelson Trail			
Bear Butte			
<b>DISTRICT 14</b>	<b>\$ 145,510</b>	<b>\$ 168,257</b>	<b>16%</b>
Shadehill			
Llewellyn Johns			
Rocky Point			
<b>DISTRICT 15</b>	<b>\$ 425,349</b>	<b>\$ 463,494</b>	<b>9%</b>
Custer			
<b>DISTRICT 16</b>	<b>\$ 5,648,205</b>	<b>\$ 6,516,195</b>	<b>15%</b>
Angostura			
Sheps Canyon			
<b>DISTRICT 17</b>	<b>\$ 620,745</b>	<b>\$ 661,258</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>PIERRE OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 185,568</b>	<b>\$ 194,458</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 14,971,799</b>	<b>\$ 16,150,040</b>	<b>8%</b>

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**January TO October 2016 CAMPING UNIT COMPARISON BY DISTRICT**

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Fort Sisseton	1,477	1,549	5%
Pickrel Lake	6,394	6,313	0%
Roy Lake	6,617	6,416	-3%
Sica Hollow	161	184	14%
<b>District 1</b>	<b>14,649</b>	<b>14,462</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Richmond Lake	1,602	1,597	0%
Mina Lake	2,649	2,763	4%
Lake Louise	1,987	1,939	-2%
Fisher Grove	1,026	1,013	-1%
Amsden	317	233	-26%
<b>District 2</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>7,545</b>	<b>0%</b>
Sandy Shore	1,128	1,206	7%
Hartford Beach	5,028	5,227	4%
Lake Cochrane	1,950	1,974	1%
Pelican South	4,795	5,036	5%
<b>District 3</b>	<b>12,901</b>	<b>13,443</b>	<b>4%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	8,547	8,888	4%
Lake Poinsett	7,076	8,003	13%
Lake Thompson	6,924	6,794	-2%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>22,547</b>	<b>23,685</b>	<b>5%</b>
Lake Herman	5,669	5,841	3%
Walkers Point	2,816	3,044	8%
Lake Carthage	618	708	15%
<b>District 5</b>	<b>9,103</b>	<b>9,593</b>	<b>5%</b>
Snake Creek	9,173	9,200	0%
Platte Creek	1,506	1,446	-4%
Burke Lake	32	43	34%
Buryanek	2,617	2,786	6%
<b>District 6</b>	<b>13,328</b>	<b>13,475</b>	<b>1%</b>
Palisades	4,658	4,811	3%
Lake Vermillion	8,643	8,968	4%
Big Sioux	5,298	6,387	21%
<b>District 7</b>	<b>18,599</b>	<b>20,166</b>	<b>8%</b>
Newton Hills	10,601	11,190	6%
Union Grove	1,570	1,420	-10%
<b>District 8</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>12,610</b>	<b>4%</b>

Park	2015 Units	2016 Units	%
Lewis & Clark	41,265	41,059	0%
Tabor	89	94	6%
Sand Creek	141	123	-13%
Springfield	1,058	1,037	-2%
Chief White Crane	10,935	11,140	2%
Pierson Ranch	4,627	4,441	-4%
<b>District 9</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>57,894</b>	<b>0%</b>
North Point	9,753	9,787	0%
North Wheeler	704	783	11%
Pease Creek	1,412	1,348	-5%
Randall Creek	7,040	7,030	0%
South Shore	425	384	-10%
Whetstone Bay	508	449	-12%
White Swan	241	252	5%
South Scalp	21	59	181%
<b>District 10</b>	<b>20,104</b>	<b>20,092</b>	<b>0%</b>
Farm Island	7,073	7,275	3%
West Bend	7,704	8,768	14%
<b>District 11</b>	<b>14,777</b>	<b>16,043</b>	<b>9%</b>
Oahe Downstream	13,650	14,544	7%
Cow Creek	2,507	2,505	0%
Okobjo Point	1,137	1,380	21%
<b>District 12</b>	<b>17,294</b>	<b>18,429</b>	<b>7%</b>
West Whitlock	4,577	4,337	-5%
Lake Hiddenwood	376	472	26%
East Whitlock	60	97	62%
Swan Creek	575	690	20%
Indian Creek	6,541	6,519	0%
Walth Bay	14	30	114%
West Pollock	793	831	5%
<b>District 13</b>	<b>12,936</b>	<b>12,976</b>	<b>0%</b>
Bear Butte	1,114	1,052	-6%
<b>District 14</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Shadehill	5,605	6,324	13%
Llewellyn Johns	458	526	15%
Rocky Point	5,189	5,630	8%
<b>District 15</b>	<b>11,252</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>11%</b>
Custer	49,903	52,808	6%
<b>District 16</b>	<b>49,903</b>	<b>52,808</b>	<b>6%</b>
Angostura	15,489	16,557	7%
Sheps Canyon	1,411	1,611	14%
<b>District 17</b>	<b>16,900</b>	<b>18,168</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE AREA</b>			
<b>CAMPER UNITS</b>	<b>313,274</b>	<b>324,921</b>	<b>4%</b>

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**DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
October YTD 2016 VISITATION COMPARISON**

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Fort Sisseton	51,693	53,746	4%
Pickrel Lake	33,397	36,983	11%
Roy Lake	158,779	154,907	-2%
Sica Hollow	11,010	17,968	63%
<b>District 1</b>	<b>254,879</b>	<b>263,604</b>	<b>3%</b>
Richmond Lake	29,183	31,130	7%
Mina Lake	45,842	50,159	9%
Lake Louise	26,274	28,347	8%
Fisher Grove	20,832	22,171	6%
<b>District 2</b>	<b>122,131</b>	<b>131,807</b>	<b>8%</b>
Sandy Shore	21,182	23,878	13%
Hartford Beach	83,790	80,011	-5%
Lake Cochrane	13,178	10,197	-23%
Pelican	23,359	27,318	17%
<b>District 3</b>	<b>141,509</b>	<b>141,404</b>	<b>0%</b>
Oakwood Lakes	64,488	70,849	10%
Lake Poinsett	45,675	58,379	28%
Lake Thompson	41,923	40,665	-3%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>152,086</b>	<b>169,893</b>	<b>12%</b>
Lake Herman	84,150	83,837	0%
Walkers Point	36,089	35,144	-3%
<b>District 5</b>	<b>120,239</b>	<b>118,981</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Snake Creek	155,865	138,401	-11%
Platte Creek	147,676	101,108	-32%
Burke Lake	13,656	15,385	13%
Buryanek	36,336	38,838	7%
<b>District 6</b>	<b>353,533</b>	<b>293,732</b>	<b>-17%</b>
Palisades	74,132	83,675	13%
Lake Vermillion	94,933	95,677	1%
Big Sioux	45,597	53,874	18%
Beaver Creek	20,917	21,180	1%
<b>District 7</b>	<b>235,579</b>	<b>254,406</b>	<b>8%</b>
Newton Hills	121,505	100,770	-17%
Good Earth	25,965	23,277	-10%
Lake Alvin	37,607	24,868	-34%
Union Grove	16,223	10,121	-38%
Adams	20,429	32,053	57%
Spirit Mound	15,387	11,796	-23%
<b>District 8</b>	<b>237,116</b>	<b>202,885</b>	<b>-14%</b>

Park	2015	2016	% Change
Lewis & Clark	690,857	663,262	-4%
Springfield	97,338	82,774	-15%
Chief White Crane	67,224	63,740	-5%
Pierson Ranch	62,471	60,664	-3%
<b>District 9</b>	<b>917,890</b>	<b>870,440</b>	<b>-5%</b>
North Point	111,412	103,772	-7%
North Wheeler	14,662	20,873	42%
Pease Creek	24,888	33,785	36%
Randall Creek	46,613	33,666	-28%
Ft. Randall Boat Club	18,340	18,174	-1%
<b>District 10</b>	<b>215,915</b>	<b>210,270</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Farm Island	120,987	135,427	12%
West Bend	42,505	48,467	14%
LaFramboise Island	70,029	72,250	3%
<b>District 11</b>	<b>233,521</b>	<b>256,144</b>	<b>10%</b>
Oahe Downstream	371,986	422,762	14%
Cow Creek	173,475	166,781	-4%
Okobojo Point	25,971	29,020	12%
Spring Creek	117,404	120,842	3%
<b>District 12</b>	<b>688,836</b>	<b>739,405</b>	<b>7%</b>
West Whitlock	84,061	71,798	-15%
Lake Hiddenwood	20,951	21,968	5%
Swan Creek	43,292	50,224	16%
Indian Creek	75,545	69,493	-8%
Revheim Bay	36,686	39,351	7%
West Pollock	54,272	53,247	-2%
<b>District 13</b>	<b>314,807</b>	<b>306,081</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Bear Butte	42,095	32,915	-22%
<b>District 14</b>	<b>42,095</b>	<b>32,915</b>	<b>-22%</b>
Shadehill	38,739	41,119	6%
Llewellyn Johns	4,763	5,047	6%
Little Moreau	12,707	11,981	-6%
Rocky Point	77,468	83,851	8%
<b>District 15</b>	<b>133,677</b>	<b>141,998</b>	<b>6%</b>
Custer	1,732,154	1,873,478	8%
<b>District 16</b>	<b>1,732,154</b>	<b>1,873,478</b>	<b>8%</b>
Angostura	160,351	178,751	11%
Sheps Canyon	40,335	45,250	12%
<b>District 17</b>	<b>200,686</b>	<b>224,001</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>6,096,653</b>	<b>6,231,444</b>	<b>2%</b>

**RESOLUTION 16-13****BIG GAME DEPREDATION HUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SDCL 41-6-29.1, the Game, Fish and Parks Commission may authorize the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to issue a specific number of depredation permits to respond to property damage by game animals that cannot be resolved by any other method, and the Commission has promulgated rules to provide for big game depredation hunts designed to assist in reducing wildlife damage to property by big game species (deer, elk, antelope, and turkey); and

**WHEREAS**, applications for depredation permits have been received and a random drawing held to establish the lists of depredation pool hunters for each county or area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that high populations of big game animals may cause property damage which in some instances cannot be resolved by any other method except by reducing the number of animals in a specific geographic area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that for the next two years (2016 and 2017) the Game, Fish and Parks Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee to issue no more than 600 permits plus an additional 200 landowner/operator permits) for each species (deer, antelope and turkey) per year and no more than 100 elk depredation permits per year, as the Secretary may deem necessary to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in issuing all big game depredation permits, the Secretary of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks or his designee is authorized to establish when and where each permit is valid and the number, species, and sex of the big game animals permitted to be taken by the holder of each big game depredation permit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall replace in their entirety Resolutions Nos. 15-06 and 15-07 previously adopted by this Commission to authorize the Secretary to issue depredation permits to respond to property damage caused by big game animals.

**South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks - Wildlife Division  
Land Acquisition and Disposal Report  
November 2016**

**Action Items**

**Smith Addition to Helgeson GPA**

**Location:** Three miles northwest of Vienna in Clark County

**Description:** 2.12 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

**Cost:** \$3,180.00

**Expected Closing:** December 2016

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 16–18 authorizing and confirming the purchase

**Schneiderhan Property**

**Location:** Six miles southwest of Carthage in Miner County

**Description:** 160 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

**Acquisition Cost:** \$552,000.00 (P-R grant program funding)

**Expected Closing:** December 2016

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 16–17 authorizing and confirming the purchase

**Northwestern Engineering Property Addition to OCW**

**Location:** Rapid City, Pennington County

**Description:** 13.22 acres

**Management Objective:** Administrative and outdoor education facilities

**Cost:** \$289,800.00

**Expected Closing:** December 2016

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 16–16 authorizing and confirming the purchase

**DOT Addition to Spring Creek GPA**

**Location:** Seven miles south of Hill City in Pennington County

**Description:** 4.86 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

**Cost:** \$18,225.00

**Expected Closing:** December 2016

**Requested Commission Action:** Adopt RESOLUTION 16–19 authorizing and confirming the purchase



**Information Items** Proposed acquisition projects having been advertised per SDCL 41-4-1.1, and being brought to the GFP Commission for final action.

None

### **Early Development Projects**

#### **Southeast Beadle County Property**

**Location:** Beadle County

**Description:** 320 acres

**Management Objective:** Game Production Area – wildlife habitat management and public hunting access

**Acquisition Cost:** Seller is contemplating offer (P-R grant program funding)

**Expected Closing:** Unknown

#### **Lynbye GPA Exchange**

**Location:** Clark County

**Description:** Exchange of a 4.4 acre GPA parcel and a 4.4 acre private parcel

**Management Objective:** Consolidate ownership boundaries for more efficient and effective management

**Cost:** Valuation in progress

**Expected Closing:** Unknown

#### **Addition to Payne WAA**

**Location:** Lake County

**Description:** 1 acre addition to Payne Water Access Area

**Management Objective:** Public Water Access Area addition at Lake Madison

**Cost:** Valuation in progress

**Expected Closing:** Unknown

**RESOLUTION 16 - 18**

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Daniel K. Smith and Paula Smith, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, 18156 SD HWY 25, Vienna, SD 57271, which property is described as:

Clark County W.A. No. 16 Parcel 3 in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Fifteen (115) North, Range Fifty-six (56) West of the 5th P.M., Clark County, South Dakota, containing 2.12, acres more or less and hereto referred to as the SMITH PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the SMITH PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Daniel K. Smith and Paula Smith, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$3,180.00, the SMITH PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.




# Smith Addition to Helgeson GPA Clark County



2.12 acre addition

182 ST

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

 Game Production Areas



**RESOLUTION 16 - 17**

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Daniel J. Schneiderhan and Carol D. Schneiderhan, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common (an undivided one-half interest), and Daniel J. Schneiderhan, aka Daniel John Schneiderhan, Jayne Marie Schneiderhan, Mary Kathryn Bradshaw and Susan Jean Helwig, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants (an undivided one-half interest), 20430 SD Highway 1806, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532, which property is described as:

The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Nineteen (19), Township One Hundred Eight (108) North, Range Fifty-eight (58), West of the Fifth P.M., Miner County, South Dakota, containing 160, acres more or less and hereto referred to as the SCHNEIDERHAN PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the SCHNEIDERHAN PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Daniel J. Schneiderhan, Carol D. Schneiderhan, Jayne Marie Schneiderhan, Mary Kathryn Bradshaw, and Susan Jean Helwig, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$552,000.00, the SCHNEIDERHAN PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.



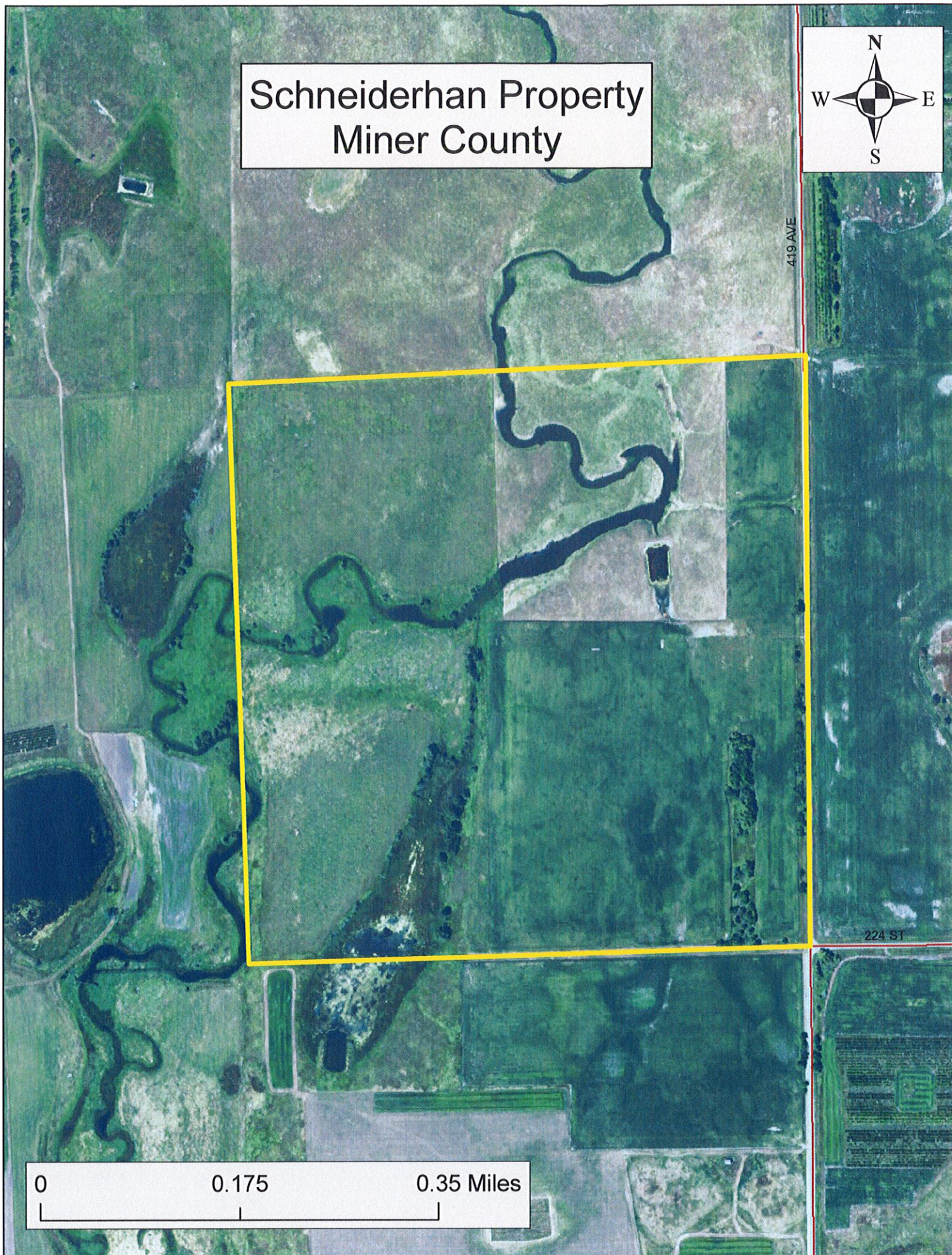
# Schneiderhan Property Miner County



419 AVE

224 ST

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**RESOLUTION 16 - 16**

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by Northwestern Engineering Company, a South Dakota Corporation, Rapid City, SD 57709, which property is described as:

Lots two (2) and three (3) of Tract B of Meadowwood, in the City of Rapid City, as shown by the plat recorded in Book 4 of Plats on page 95 in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Pennington County, South Dakota; and Lot one (1) of GFP subdivision, in the City of Rapid City, as shown by the plat recorded in Book 35 of Plats on page 95 in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Pennington County, South Dakota, containing 13.22 acres, more or less, and hereto referred to as the NWE PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP for administrative and educational purposes associated with the Outdoor Campus West; and

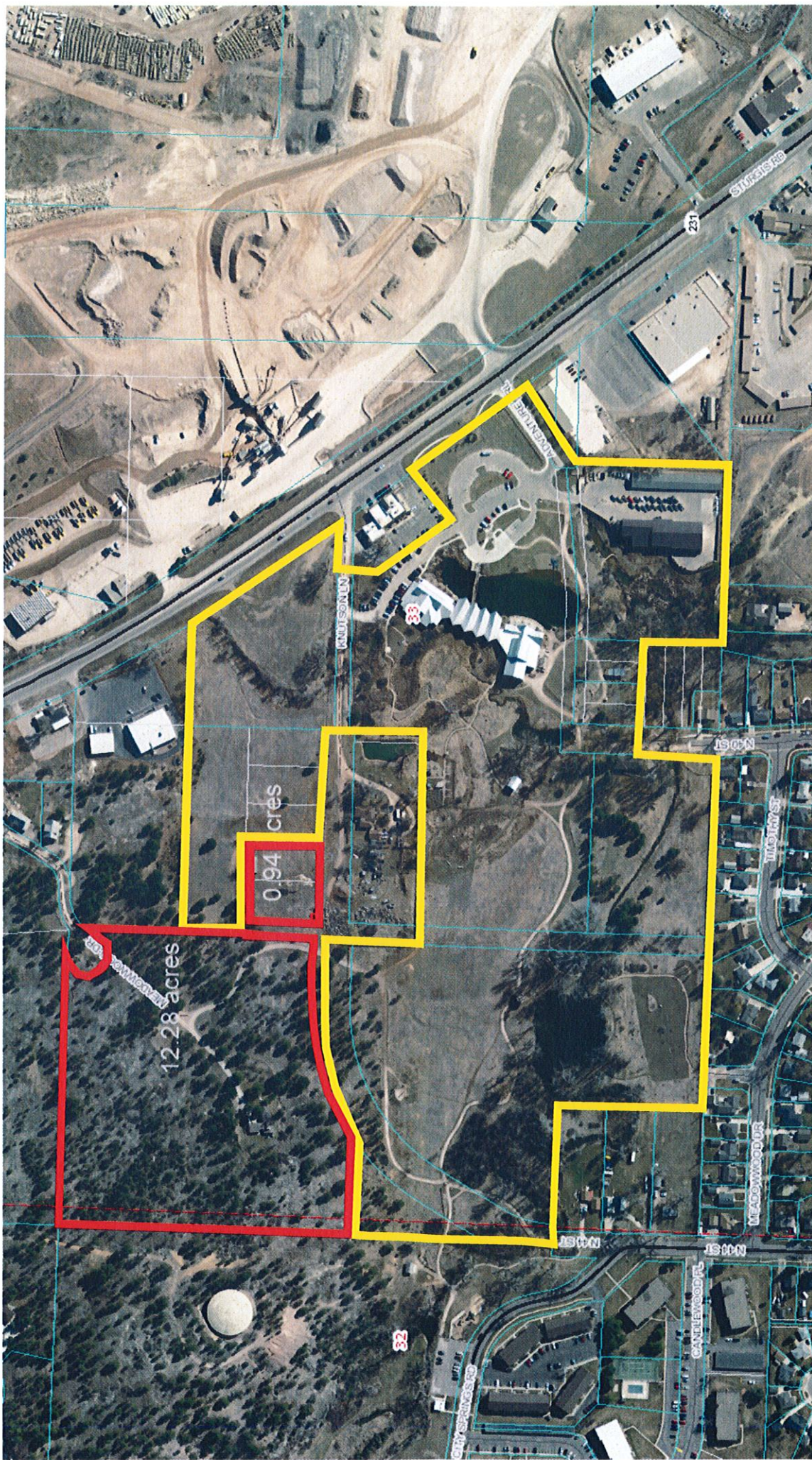
WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for administrative and educational purposes associated with the Outdoor Campus West;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the NWE PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with Northwestern Engineering Company, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$289,800.00, the NWE PROPERTY for administrative and educational purposes associated with the Outdoor Campus West.







**RESOLUTION 16 - 19**

WHEREAS, the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) has expressed an interest in acquiring real property presently owned by State of South Dakota – Department of Transportation, Pierre, SD 57501, which property is described as:

Tract Dennis Reinke in the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW¼NE¼) of Section twenty-two (22), Township two South (T2S), Range four East (R4E) of the Black Hills Meridian, as shown by the plat recorded in Book 20 of Plats on page 102, excepting the area in conflict with Lot 2 of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW¼NE¼) of Section twenty-two (22), Township two South (T2S), Range four East (R4E) of the Black Hills Meridian and also excepting therefrom Lot H3 as shown by the plat recorded in Book 8 of Hwy Plats on page 49 in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Pennington County, South Dakota, containing 4.86, acres more or less and hereto referred to as the DOT PROPERTY; and

WHEREAS, said property is to be acquired by and utilized by GFP as a Game Production Area; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-4-1.1 requires that before GFP acquires and purchases property, GFP must notify owners of land located adjacent to the property sought to be acquired by publishing notice of the same once in each legal newspaper of the county in which the property to be purchased is located; and

WHEREAS, GFP has published the required legal notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action by the Commission authorizing the intended purchases, which notice included the time and location of the meeting at which Commission action is expected and by giving notice of instructions for presenting oral and written comments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed any and all comments that may have been received relative to the intended purchase and after consideration of the same, the Commission approves the purchase of said property for use as a Game Production Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that GFP is authorized to complete negotiations for the purchase of the DOT PROPERTY and execute and consummate an agreement with State of South Dakota – Department of Transportation, which is acceptable to GFP to acquire by purchase, at the price of \$18,225.00, the DOT PROPERTY for use as a Game Production Area.



# DOT Addition to Spring Creek GPA Pennington County



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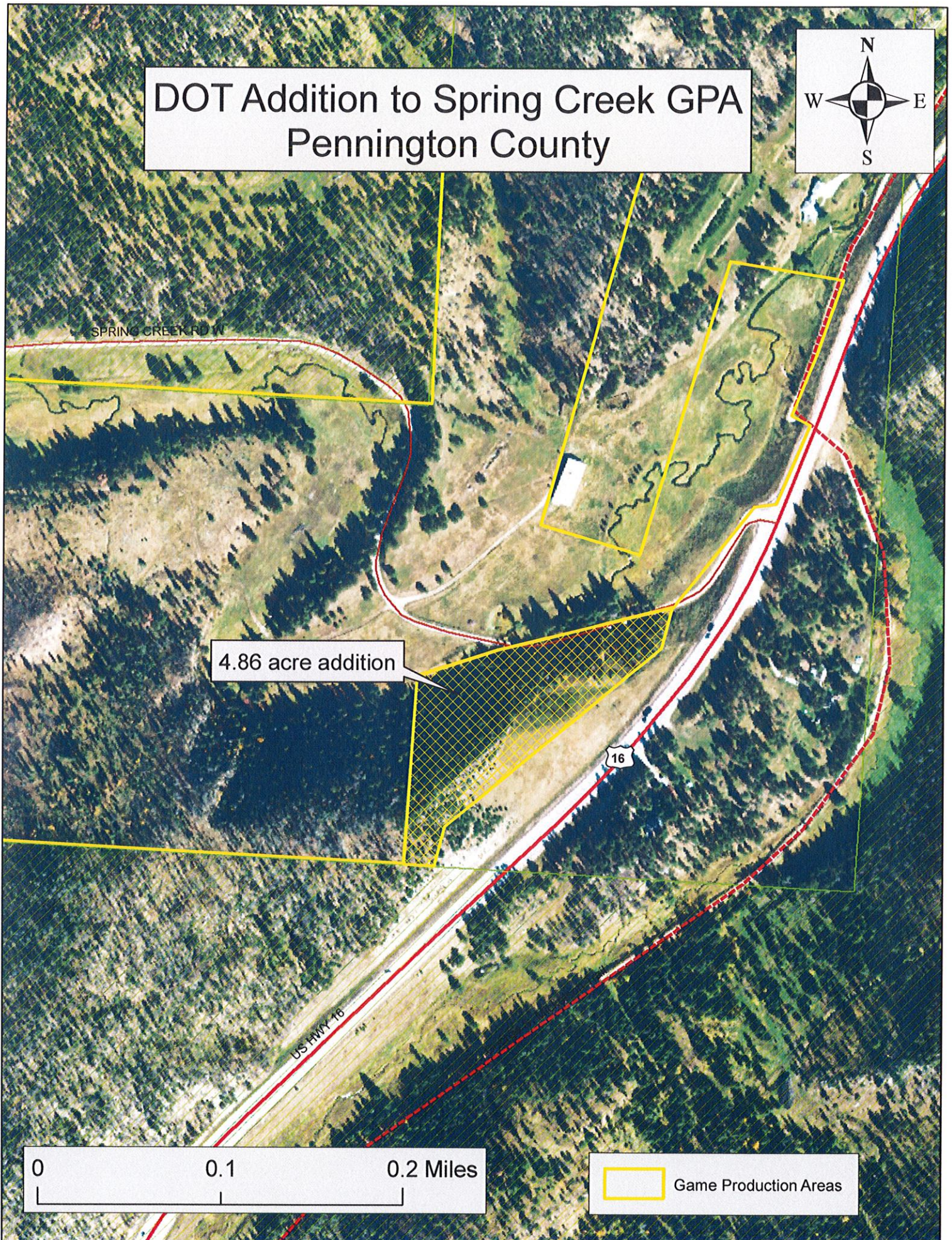
4.86 acre addition

16

US HWY 16

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

Game Production Areas





# License Sales Totals

(as of Oct 31)

23

*date updated: 31 Oct 2016*

<b>Resident</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Combination	47,437	46,584
Junior Combination	7,932	7,946
Senior Combination	8,391	7,691
Small Game	17,913	19,511
Youth Small Game	4,475	4,726
1-Day Small Game	799	796
Migratory Bird Certificate	26,297	27,879
Predator/Varmint	1,657	1,448
Furbearer	2,726	2,937
Annual Fishing	62,280	63,218
Senior Fishing	12,797	12,692
1-Day Fishing	6,354	6,177
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	2,729	2,705

<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Small Game	52,811	54,064
Youth Small Game	1,632	1,617
Annual Shooting Preserve	341	333
5-day Shooting Preserve	7,355	7,039
1-day Shooting Preserve	825	745
Spring Light Goose	3,966	4,249
Youth Spring Light Goose	141	161
Migratory Bird Certificate	977	934
Predator/Varmint	4,644	4,456
Furbearer	5	8
Annual Fishing	27,804	26,531
Family Fishing	9,661	9,341
Youth Annual Fishing	1,606	1,477
3-Day Fishing	25,133	24,344
1-Day Fishing	24,159	21,280
Gamefish Spearing/Archery	701	650
<b>TOTAL ON FILE =</b>	<b>363,548</b>	<b>361,539</b>